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SUBJECT: PORT SECURITY PROGRAM: TREATMENT OF SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH VESSELS OF CERTAIN EAST EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES.

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES PORT SECURITY COMMITTEE
AMENDMENT OF PRESENT U.S. PORT ACCESS POLICY RELATING TO
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH VESSELS (EXCLUDING FISHERIES RESEARCH
VESSELS) OF POLAND, ROMANIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,
AND HUNGARY. WE PROPOSE THAT SUCH SHIPS BE GRANTED IDEN-
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TICAL TREATMENT AS MAY APPLY TO MERCHANT VESSELS OF THE

SAME COUNTRY. (OUR PROPOSAL TO THE PSC DOES NOT AFFECT SOVIET VESSELS, AS CERTAIN SOVIET AND U.S. RESEARCH SHIPS HAVE ENJOYED SINCE 1972 TREATMENT SIMILAR TO MERCHANT VESSELS.)

2. THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH VESSELS WE PROPOSE BETTER TREATMENT FOR ARE: HYDROGRAPHIC, OCEANOGRAPHIC, METEOROLOGICAL, AND TERRESTRIAL MAGNETIC FIELD RESEARCH VESSELS FOR CIVIL APPLICATION. FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSELS WOULD IN NO CASE BE AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL.

3. THE RELAXED RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH RESEARCH VESSELS WOULD

BE MADE EFFECTIVE WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ON DATES SEEN AS APPROPRIATE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND SUBJECT TO RECIPROCITY.

4. AN EXPEDITED RESPONSE FROM THE PSC WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN ORDER THAT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE MAY BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEWLY PLANNED PROCEDURES FOR HUNGARIAN AND EAST GERMAN VESSELS. KISSINGER

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